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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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MEMORANDUM

To: Parties Interested in Human Service and Public Transportation
Federal and State Funds

From: Miriam S. Perry, Director

Subject: Funding Availability – Call for Projects
Federal Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Persons
Federal Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC)
Federal Section 5317 – New Freedom

The Public Transportation Division of the North Carolina Department of Transportation is soliciting applications for US Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration funds and state funds available through the programs described below. All projects funded under the three programs must be derived from a locally developed coordinated public transit-human service transportation planning process and included in an approved plan. Applicants must execute federal and state certifications and assurances, and successful applicants will enter into contract with the department to implement the project. Completed applications are due no later than March 31, 2009.

For detailed information regarding the program requirements, visit the Federal Transit Administration Web site at <http://www.fta.dot.gov>. Contact your regionally assigned Mobility Development Specialist for more information about the application process.

Federal Section 5310 – Elderly and Disabled Persons Program

The objective of these funds is to provide transportation services that meet the special needs of elderly persons and persons with disabilities for whom mass transportation services are unavailable, insufficient or inappropriate. Special efforts shall be made in the planning and design of transportation facilities and services to assure elderly persons and persons with disabilities the availability of transportation that they can effectively utilize.

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The Public Transportation Division, through the Section 5310 Program, provides grants to nonprofit corporations and associations and public bodies approved by the state to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, or public bodies that certify to the Governor that no nonprofit corporation or association is readily available in an area to provide the service.

Funds are available for the purchase of vehicles and related capital equipment and for operating expenses.

The **Federal Section 5310 Program application packet** consists of:

- [Application](#), which links to:
 - **Budget**
 - [Capital](#)
 - [Operating](#)
 - [Federal Certifications and Assurances](#)
 - [Surface Transportation Providers](#)
 - [Title VI Certification](#)
 - [Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification](#)
- [Checklist](#)

Federal Section 5316 – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program

The purpose of the JARC grant program is to assist in developing new or expanded transportation services such as shuttles, vanpools, guaranteed rides home or connector/feeder services that connect employees to jobs and other employee-related services. Job Access projects are targeted at developing new or expanded transportation services for welfare recipients and/or low-income persons. Reverse commute projects can provide transportation services to suburban or rural employment locations for all populations.

Funds are available for capital, planning and operating expenses that support the development and maintenance of transportation services designed to meet the intent of the program.

The **Federal Section 5316 Program application packet** consists of:

- [Application](#), which includes or links to:
 - **Budget**
 - [Capital](#)
 - [Operating](#)
 - [Federal Certifications and Assurances](#)
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Federal Section 5317 – New Freedom Program

The purpose of this program is to encourage services and facility improvements to address the transportation needs of persons with disabilities to go beyond those required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). New Freedom grants are intended to provide additional tools to overcome existing barriers facing persons with disabilities who are seeking integration into the work force and full participation in society. For the purpose of the New Freedom Program, “new” service is any service or activity that was not operational on August 10, 2005, and did not have an identified funding source as of August 10, 2005.

Funds are available to support the capital and operating costs of new public transportation service targeted toward people with disabilities or public transportation alternatives that go beyond those required by the ADA.

The **Federal Section 5317 Program application packet** consists of:

- [Application](#), which includes or links to:
 - **Budget**
 - [Capital](#)
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